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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Andrew Lee

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-32, 37-39, 44 and 45 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 33-36 and 40-43 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 3/13/06 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 14-32, 37-39, 44-45 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 3/13/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 8, 9, 12, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re Claim 8, "if different channel encoding were not employed" is an optional language. It is unclear how the "channel encoders are arranged" to lower the cross correlation between the transmission signals for all different channel encoders.

Re Claims 9, 12, 13, it is unclear what is meant by "arranged".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 33-36, 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whinnett et al U.S. Patent Number 6,317,411 in view of Hagerman et al U.S. Patent Number 6,301,238.

Re Claims 1, 7, 33, 35, 40, 42, Whinnett teaches in fig16, an antenna array 100-106; antenna selector (transmitter array) connected to the antenna array; a plurality of amplifier 98 that is connected to the antenna selector to amplify a transmission signal; a space time encoder 88 that applies space-time coding the transmission signal to promote transmit diversity (See col. 12, lines 36 +)

Whinnett fails to explicitly teach the beamformers for producing a plurality of directional transmission beams via different transmission paths.

However, Hagerman et al teaches a directional beam generative for forming directional antenna beam patterns for transmission of communication signals. One skilled in the art would have been motivated to modify the system of fig. 16 to include the beamformer for producing directional transmission beam of Hagerman to improve signal sensitivity for the receiver (See col. 2, lines 35 +). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled to combine the teachings.

Re Claim 2, Whinnett in view of Hagerman teaches the encoder 88 that transmit data item in different transmission beams at different times.

Re Claims 3, 4, See fig. 16 wherein the 88, first transmission of two symbols and second transmission two symbols in reverse order and conjugated(See S1S2 and S'2S'1).

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Re Claims 5, 11, 34, 36, 41, 43, refer to Claim 1 and fig. 2 the receiver.

Re Claim 6, refer to Claim 5, wherein the decoder 42 comprises channel estimator 50.

Re Claim 10, at least one code is used.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-3130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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